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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: U.S. Patent Application for METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR  
TICKET VOUCHER FLOW CONTROL IN RESPONSE TO  
SIGNALING LINK FAILURE  
Our File No. 1322/48

Sir:

Please find enclosed the following:

1. A U.S. patent application for METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR TICKET VOUCHER FLOW CONTROL IN RESPONSE TO SIGNALING LINK FAILURE (31 pages);
2. Eight (8) sheets of formal drawings;
3. An unsigned Declaration (4 pages);
4. Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (Form PTO/SB/05, 2 pages);
5. Fee Transmittal Form (Form PTO/SB/17, 1 page) in duplicate;
6. A check in the amount of \$1,182.00 to cover the application filing fees;
7. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to our offices with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office date stamp thereon; and

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Respectfully submitted,

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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 1322/48  
First Inventor or Application Identifier Mark Ernest Davidson  
Title See 1 in Addendum  
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- ☒ \* Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- ☒ Specification [Total Pages 31]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 8]
- Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]
  - ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)
    - ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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- ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
- Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - ☐ Computer Readable Copy
  - ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
  - ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement of Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
- ☐ \* Small Entity Statement(s) filed in prior application (PTO/SB/09-12) Status still proper and desired
- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
- ☒ Other: Unsigned Declaration (4 pages)  
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106 310	206 155	Design filing fee	
107 480	207 240	Plant filing fee	
108 690	208 345	Reissue filing fee	
114 150	214 75	Provisional filing fee	

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#### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
30	-20** = 10	X 18	= 180
Independent Claims	7	-3** = 4	X 78 = 312
Multiple Dependent			= 0

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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 78	202 39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 260	204 130	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 78	209 39	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	0.00
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	0.00
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115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	0.00
116 380	216 190	Extension for reply within second month	0.00
117 870	217 435	Extension for reply within third month	0.00
118 1,360	218 680	Extension for reply within fourth month	0.00
128 1,850	228 925	Extension for reply within fifth month	0.00
119 300	219 150	Notice of Appeal	0.00
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121 260	221 130	Request for oral hearing	0.00
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	0.00
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	0.00
141 1,210	241 605	Petition to revive - unintentional	0.00
142 1,210	242 605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	0.00
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